

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether Land Acquisition Proceedings are begun to acquire that land?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The department has addressed the Division Peishkar and reminded him more than once.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether, when the estimate was prepared in 1108, Government were aware that additional land would be required for putting up the building?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Then may I know why there was delay in taking any steps towards the acquisition of the land?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The estimate was actually received from the Inspector's Office in my Office in March 1934. Since then, there was some dispute with regard to the valuation of the land. The President of the Muslim Committee contested the valuation statement and there was a lot of backward and forward correspondence about it. The delay has been mainly due to the delay in the acquisition of land.

Levy of fees from Muslim girls.

56. * MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received complaints against the realisation of fees from Muslim girls;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by them in the matter; and

(c) whether the G. O. on Muslim Education, issued in 1919, has been communicated to all the Divisional Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Yes.

(b) A circular was issued to the effect that the orders contained in G. O. No. E. 1989, dated the 31st May 1919, re education of the Mahomedan community, should be strictly adhered to.

(c) Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): With reference to the answer to part (b), may I know whether this circular was issued before or after the complaint was received?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): After, Sir.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Then am I to understand that the departmental head did not communicate the Government Order to all the Division Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors and Headmasters in time?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, this is an old G. O. of 1919; and it must have been communicated to all the Schools at the time. But apparently some of the schools

were ignorant of the order and they have been in the habit of levying half fees from Muslim girls. I am very grateful to the honourable member and to the other honourable members who have brought this to the notice of the department.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know in how many schools fees were realised from Muslim girls?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Quite a good number, Sir.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the amount collected?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether this amount collected will be refunded because it was contrary to the Government Order?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The amount collected this school year is being refunded.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): And the amount collected during previous years?

PRESIDENT: You mean the arrears?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Yes, Sir.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think it will be practicable to refund the fees of pupils who might have left schools.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): What is the reason for not refunding?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Mainly the practical difficulty, Sir. I shall certainly look into the matter and see whether anything could be done.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether full fee concession is granted to Muslim girls as per this G. O.?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there are Muslim girls whose parents are in a position to pay fees?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There may be, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): When the question of fee concession is considered, may I know whether this matter also will engage the attention of the department?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, it is engaging the attention of the Fee Concession Committee of the Education Advisory Board.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): In the case of pupils continuing in the schools, may I know whether there is any proposal to refund the fees collected?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Some fees have already been refunded this year.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the principle on which fee concession is granted to Muslim girls; is it poverty or the backwardness on the part of the community?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Muslim girls are given special treatment mainly on the basis of their backwardness in education.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do the Government propose to take into consideration the question of the poverty or otherwise of the parents of the Muslim girls when they allow fee concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have said, Sir, that the Fee Concession Committee of the Education Advisory Board is now engaged in considering this and other allied questions.

Levy of fees from Muslim girls.

57. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the answer to question No. 292 in No. 12, Vol. VII of the Proceedings of the Travancore Sri Mulam Assembly, dated the 20th April 1936 re: realisation of fees from Muslim girls in departmental schools, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction has received the reports from the Divisional Inspectors?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Muslim Girls' Schools.

58. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Muslim Girls' Schools in the State;
- (b) how many of them had been closed during the last three years;
- (c) how many of them are suffering for want of proper buildings and site;
- (d) the names of such schools;
- (e) whether any new Muslim Girls' School has been opened or permission given to open any during the last two years; and
- (f) if the answer to part (e) is in the affirmative, which are those schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

- (a) 11.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) One.
- (d) Perumathura Departmental Mahomedan Primary School for Girls.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) Alleppey Mahomedan Primary School for Girls.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether the Government have received any petition from the Chirayinkil Muslim Samajam for sanction to open a Primary school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.